

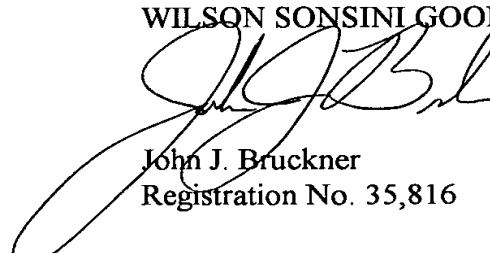
In response to the requirement for election of species, Applicants hereby elect **Group I, Claims 1-44, with traverse**, and without prejudice to their right to file one or more divisional applications covering non-elected subject matter. **Claims 1-44 read on the elected group.** Traversal is based on the fact that examining 4 additional claims would not place an undue burden on the Office.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the requirement for election of species is respectfully requested. Of course, once a generic claim, or a subgeneric claim, is held to be allowable, all of the species, and subspecies, that are within the scope of the allowable claim must be considered.

All matters raised by the Action having been attended to, the claims are considered allowable and an early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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